Appointments in the Agricultural Department.

127. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement of officers drawing a salary of Rs. 25 and above in the Department of Agriculture, showing the number belonging to each caste?

MR. K. NARAYANAN PANDALAY (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The statement* required by the member is placed on the table.

Collection of Green Leaf Manure from Reserved Forests.

128. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that, as reserved forests extend close to cultivated wet lands, the ryots of many *pakuthies* in Muvattupuzha, Todupuzha and other taluks suffer great inconvenience in procuring green leaf manure?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to allow the collection of green leaf manure from reserved forests close to cultivated wet lands?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) No complaints in the matter of procuring green leaf manure have been received from any of the ryots of the taluks referred to by the member.

(*b*) All reserves cannot be thrown open for the purpose, as the indiscriminate collection of green manure from reserves is against forest conservancy. The available scrub jungle reserves in all the Forest Divisions have already been thrown open for the collection of green manure leaves.

Pepper Farm at Koni.

129. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the year in which cultivation was started in the Pepper Farm at Koni, the acreage brought under cultivation in each of the subsequent years, the expenditure incurred for this purpose and the total expenditure, including the price of land, on this farm up to the 1st Mithunam 1100?

(*b*) What is the quantity of pepper in *tulams* and the price thereof obtained from this farm in 1099?

(*c*) Is it possible for visitors now to reach the farm in carriages?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Cultivation on the farm was started towards the end of 1095. Sixty acres were cleared and planted with four varieties of vines in 1095, at a total cost of Rs. 1,920 at Rs. 32 per acre. In 1096, eighty acres were cleared and planted with eleven varieties, at a total cost of Rs. 2,560. Twenty acres were cleared, levelled, terraced and then planted with different species of standards in 1096 and 1097. No expenditure was incurred on account of the value of lands as the lands are Government lands. The total expenditure on the farm up to the beginning of Mithunam 1100 amounts to Rs. 47,354.

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(*b*) When pepper was harvested in 1099, the old plantation in the farm was only a little over 3 years old. It takes about 5 to 6 years to get an appreciable yield from a pepper vine plantation. In 1099, only a few stray vines of 1095 plantation bore some fruits. About 70 lbs. or 5 and odd *tulams* of dried pepper were collected from these vines and sold for Rs. 12-14-0.

(*c*) The member is referred to the answer to part (*a*) of his question No. 101 given at the meeting of the Council held on the 11th August, 1925.

Agricultural Experiments on Ryots' Lands.

130. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the names of the taluks in which agricultural experiments are conducted by the Agricultural Department on ryots' lands and the expenditure and income of each such experimental farm in 1099?

(*b*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether such agricultural experiments are being conducted in 1100, or have been conducted in 1099, on the lands of members, past or present, of the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly or the Legislative Council, and, if so, to place on the table a statement showing the particulars of such lands?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) The member is referred to statements Nos. 8, 10, 11 and 12, appended to the Report on the Operations of the Department of Agriculture and Fisheries for the year 1099 and to paragraphs 29, 30, 37, 38, 39, 43, and 50 of the Report.

(*b*) Of the numerous gentlemen on whose lands experiments and demonstrations were conducted in 1099 and 1100, Messrs. K. G. Thomas of Pallikkal, M. N. Narayana Menon of Kumarakam, M. L. Janardana Pillai of Alleppey and K. Kesava Pillai of Perappankod were members of the Popular Assembly and the late Mr. C. J. Curien was the only member of the Legislative Council. The statement required by the member is given below:—

Name of owner.	*Area.*	*Crop.*
1. Mr. K. G. Thomas	¾ acre	59 cocoanut trees
2. ,, M. N. Narayana Menon	25 acres	*Punja* paddy
3. ,, M. L. Janardana Pillai	1 ½ acres	Paddy
4. ,, K. Kesava Pillai	1 acre	Do.
5. The late Mr. C. J. Curien	25 acres	*Punja* paddy

Industrial Loans.

131. **MR. TARIATU KUNJITOMMAN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing, for each taluk, the total amount given on industrial loans from the Industries Department, till the 1st Mithunam, 1100?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): A statement * showing, taluk by taluk, the amount given on industrial loans from the Department of Industries till the 1st Mithunam, 1100, is placed on the table.

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